

March 3, 2026

Meeting at 9:00 AM of the Clayton County Board of Supervisors at 600 Gunder Road NE, Elkader, Iowa.

Present: Steve Doepcke, Ray Peterson, and Doug Reimer

Guests: Casey Stickfort, Kelly Wille, Jared Burkle, Terry Puelz, Garrett Baumgartner, Kaitlyn Kuehl-Berns, Brent Ostrander, Linda Zuercher, Josie Fettkether, Jonathan Piersch, Brad Herman, Peggy Lane, Molly Scherf, Caytee Jones, Andy Loan, and Jennifer Garms.

Reimer moved, Doepcke seconded to approve the meeting minutes for February 24, 2026. Ayes: Doepcke, Peterson, Reimer. Motion carried.

Doepcke moved, Reimer seconded to approve the claims as presented totaling \$57,063.97. Ayes: Doepcke, Peterson, Reimer. Motion carried.

Garrett Baumgartner provided an Information Technology departmental update.

Assessor Andy Loan informed the Board that Eli Garms joined his office as GIS Appraiser on March 2, 2026.

Reimer moved, Doepcke seconded to approve the mission statement (To ensure honest, responsive governance that supports our residents, businesses, and visitors. We value our local resources and work to promote growth and opportunity, creating a lasting foundation for future generations.) and values (Integrity, Service, Innovation, Accountability, Professionalism, Stewardship, Collaboration, and Respect) for Clayton County. Ayes: Doepcke, Peterson, Reimer. Motion carried. Additional discussion on the brand/logo will occur before approval.

Reimer moved, Doepcke seconded to set the public hearing date for the FY2027 Clayton County Proposed Property Tax Rates for 8:45 AM on March 24, 2026. Ayes: Doepcke, Peterson, Reimer. Motion carried.

Doepcke moved, Reimer seconded to authorize the placement of a Turkey River Recreational Corridor safari post on the courthouse premises for the length of the safari. Ayes: Doepcke, Peterson, Reimer. Motion carried.

There was discussion regarding Littleport Fire Department's request to acquire County land to build a new fire station (Parcel #14-25-428-001) and the parcel's location in the floodplain.

The Board worked on the FY2027 County Budget.

There was discussion regarding the county insurance renewal and the possible addition of a health savings account.

/s/ Ray Peterson, Board of Supervisors Chair

Attest: Jennifer Garms, Clayton County Auditor